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In re Application of :
Mandel et al :
Application No. 10/031,143 :
Filed: January 13, 2002 :
Attorney Docket No. C75101 :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 20, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to submit a reply in a timely manner to the nonfinal Office action mailed May 21, 2002, which set a statutory period for reply of three (3) months. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on August 22, 2002.

The above-identified application has been abandoned for an extended period of time. The Patent and Trademark Office is relying on petitioner's duty of candor and good faith and accepting the statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg. at 53160 and 53178; 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109) (applicant obligated under 37 CFR 10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b) to the Patent and Trademark Office).

There is no indication that the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. If the person signing the instant petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the instant petition, all future correspondence will be directed to the address currently of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 1617.

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